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Laurence H. Silberman
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: Dartmouth 1957 AB; Harvard 1961 LLB
Began Service: November 1, 1985
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Affiliation: Distinguished Visitor from the Judiciary, The Law Center,
Georgetown University

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law Center (1987-1994);
Adjunct Professor, New York University School of Law (1995-1996);
Adjunct Professor, Harvard University Law School (1998); Adjunct
Professor, Georgetown Law Center (1999-2001); Adjunct Professor,
Georgetown Law Center (2002-2005)

Corporate: Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning, Legal and
Government Affairs, Crocker National Bank (1979-1983)

Government: Attorney, Appellate Division, Office of the General Counsel,
National Labor Relations Board (1967-1969); United States Solicitor,
United States Department of Labor (1969-1970); Under Secretary of
Labor, United States Department of Labor (1970-1973); Deputy United
States Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1974-1975);
United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Embassy of the United States
(1975-1977); President's Special Envoy on ILO Affairs, Executive Office
of the President (1976)

Legal Practice: Partner, Moore, Silberman & Schulze (and predecessor
firms) (1961-1967); Attorney, Steptoe & Johnson LLP (1973-1974);
Attorney, Morrison & Foerster LLP (1978-1979); Attorney, Morrison &
Foerster LLP (1983-1985)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1957-1958)

Nonprofit: Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy
Research (1977-1978)

Current Memberships: Hawaii State Bar Association

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Stephen F. Williams
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936
Education: Yale 1958 BA; Harvard 1961 JD
Began Service: 1986
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Professor of Law, University of Colorado (1969-1986); Visiting
Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (1975-1976);
Visiting Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1979-1980); Visiting
Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University (1983-1984)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, United States Department
of Justice (1966-1969)

Legal Practice: Attorney, Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates (1962-1966)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Law
Institute; Energy Bar Association

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Harry T. Edwards
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Cornell 1962 BS; Michigan 1965 JD
Began Service: February 20, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Independent

Affiliation: Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, New York University

Academic: Professor of Law, Law School, University of Michigan
(1970-1975); Visiting Professor of Law, Program for International Legal
Cooperation, Free University of Brussels (1974); Visiting Professor of
Law, Harvard Law School (1975-1976); Professor of Law, Harvard
Law School (1976-1977); Faculty Member, Institute for Educational
Management, Harvard University (1976-1982); Professor of Law,
Law School, University of Michigan (1977-1980); Lecturer in Law,
Pennsylvania Law School (1981-1982); Lecturer in Law, Harvard Law
School (1982-1988); Senior Lecturer in Law, School of Law, Duke
University (1983-1989); Lecturer in Law, The Law Center, Georgetown
University (1985-1986); Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of
Michigan (1988-1989)

Corporate: Member, Editorial and Advisory Board, West Publishing
Company (1978-1980)

Government: Public Member, Administrative Conference of the United
States (1976-1980); Chairman, Board of Directors, AMTRAK [National
Railroad Passenger Corporation] (1978-1980)

Judicial: Neutral Arbitrator (1970-1980); Member, Judicial Conference of
the United States (1994-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson
(1965-1970); Chairman, Ann Arbor Model Cities Legal Services Center,
Inc. (1971-1972)

Current Memberships: American Academy of Arts and Sciences;
American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American
Law Institute; American Society of International Law; Association of
American Law Schools; Federal Judges Association; The Supreme Court
Historical Society

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Secretary **Judith A. Hunt** (202) 216-7382

United States District Courts

Most federal cases are initially tried and decided in the United States District Courts, the federal courts of general trial jurisdiction. There are 94 courts in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territories of Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands. With the exception of the territorial courts, all district court judges are appointed for life by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. In each district, the judge who has served on the court the longest and who is under 65 years of age is designated as the chief judge. The chief judge has administrative duties in addition to a caseload. Within each district, the United States Bankruptcy Court hears and decides petitions of individuals and businesses seeking relief from bankruptcy. Bankruptcy judges are appointed by the court of appeals for a term of 14 years. The judges of each district appoint one or more magistrate judges, who discharge many of the ancillary duties of the district judges. There are both full-time and part-time magistrate judge positions, and these positions are assigned to the district courts according to caseload criteria. A full-time magistrate judge serves a term of eight years; a part-time magistrate judge's term is four years.

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Number of Judgeships: 3

Areas Covered: Counties of Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler,
Chambers, Chilton, Coffee, Coosa, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore,
Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike,
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Mark E. Fuller
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: December 27, 1958
Education: Alabama 1982 BS, 1985 JD
Began Service: December 2, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Chief Assistant District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State
of Alabama (1996-1997); District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit, State of
Alabama (1997-2002)

Legal Practice: Associate, Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1985-1986); Partner,
Cassidy, Fuller & Marsh (1986-1996)

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Myron H. Thompson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Yale 1969 BA, 1972 JD
Began Service: September 29, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Member, Chambers of Member Myron H. Thompson, Judicial
Conference of the United States

Government: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,
United States Department of Justice (1972-1974)

Legal Practice: Partner, Thompson & Faulk (1979-1980)

Current Memberships: Alabama Lawyers Association; Alabama State Bar
Association; American Bar Association; National Bar Association

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W. Keith Watkins
District Judge

Education: Auburn 1973 BS; Alabama 1976 JD
Began Service: January 12, 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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